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Not Linked With Reds German Party Girl Here

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A German beauty who was forced to leave the United States as a security risk after boasting of amorous intimacies with highly placed Washington figures had no known Communist contacts, officials here and in Bonn said yesterday.

The striking, 27-year-old brunette, wife of a German Air Force Sergeant, was identified by West German Defense officials as Ellen Rometsch.

She and her husband were returned to Germany last August after the FBI and German intelligence officials checked on her affairs with governmental and business officials prominent in the social life of the Nation's Capital.

An official investigation here disclosed that the woman, who came to West Germany from her native East Germany in 1955, had no contact with Communists during the nearly 2½ years she lived in Washington. West German spokesman indicated that in recalling the couple they were more concerned with sex than security aspects of the case.

These explanations came in the wake of a Congressional demand that the Administra-

tion make clear whether there was any serious aspect to the sudden recall of the sergeant and his wife last August. The demand was voiced in the House by Rep. H. R. Gross (R-Iowa).

Gross raised the issue in the midst of a speech about what he termed the "activities and manipulations" of former Senate Majority Secretary Robert G. (Bobby) Baker.

He said Baker's activities were of concern to the House as well as the Senate.

The House also approved the former Senate official's \$20,000 salary, as well as other Federal funds spent by this Ponzi from Pickens, S.C.

The Ponzi, he referred to as Charles A. Ponzi, a Boston financial wizard whose money manipulations during the 1920's captured national attention.

Details of the official investigation into the German beauty's activities in Washington society began to trickle out on the eve of a secret Senate Rules Committee meeting today on the Bobby Baker affair.

The Committee will receive testimony from Sen. John J. Williams (R-Del.), who has conducted his own investigation into the former Senate officer's outside business ac-

tivities. Williams, who triggered the formal Senate investigation into Baker's private finances with a floor speech early this month.

Williams issued a statement yesterday stressing that the subject of the German woman was not due to come up on today's Rules Committee agenda.

The London Daily Mirror, in a dispatch from its Bonn correspondent Denis Martin, quoted Sgt. Rolf Rometsch as

saying he divorced his wife last month and added:

"When we were in Washington we were so hard up that Ellen did some work on the side as a model. I had no idea of irregular conduct."

"Then on Aug. 14 my superior told me that my wife had been indulging in amorous adventures. Seven days later Ellen and I were on our way back to Germany. My wife denied everything. She still denies it."

In another development, it was learned the FBI began looking into a series of transactions in which Baker and a business associate received profits of \$38,000 each in shares of the Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corp. of Milwaukee.

The profit reportedly grew out of an initial investment of \$12,000 by Baker's partner in February 1960. It was sold subsequently for \$80,000 in 1961, 1962 and 1963, according to Baker's associate.

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growth since it was founded in 1955, is in the business of insuring home mortgages. The side as a model, I had no idea of irregular conduct."

Officials of the insurance firm, written in 1960, acknowledged purchase of the stock, which was acquired by Baker and his partner at slightly more than \$3 a share and sold at prices of up to \$30 per share.